

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1, 17, 19, and 29 have been presently amended. No new matter was added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 17, 19, and 29 have been amended to address the issues noted in the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome.

Accordingly, having overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection and with there being no art rejections, it is respectfully requested that Claims 1-29 be passed to allowance.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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